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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO PENDING ENRICHED URANIUM EXPORT LICENSES

1.EUROPE,BULLETIN JANUARY 7, 1977 (#2127) PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE ENTITLED

"AMERICAN REFUSAL TO SUPPLY ENRICHED URANIUM TO GERMANY."

THE ARTICLE DISCUSSES THE 200 KILOGRAMS OF HIGHLY ENRICHED
URANIUM WHICH HAS BEEN DESTINED FOR NUKMEM.MISSION CONTACTED
SUPPLY AGENCY AND WAS TOLD THAT THE URANIUM IN QUESTION WAS
INVOLVED IN SEVERAL EXPORT LICENSES HEARINGS PENDING BEFORE
NRC.THE SUPPLY AGENCY INFORMED MISSION THAT THEY WOULD
ATTEMPT TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION AND HAVE THE COMMISSION PUT
OUT A DENIAL OF THE STORY IN EUROPE EXPLAINING THAT ALL THE
CONTRACTS INVOLVED WERE AT A PENDING STAGE AND THEY HAD NO
REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE EXPORT LICENSES WOULD NOT EVENTUALLY
BE ISSUED.SUBSEQUENTLY THE COMMISSION SPOKESMAN ISSUED THE
FOLLOWING STATEMENT.

2.BEGIN QUOTE: THERE HAS BEEN NO AMERICAN REFUSAL TO
DELIVER NUCLEAR MATERIALS,INCLUDING HIGHLY ENRICHED
URANIUM,TO THE COMMUNITY AND PARTICULARLY TO THE
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FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.THERE HAVE ONLY BEEN,
FOR QUITE SOME TIME,DELAYS IN THE GRANTING OF AUTHORIZATIONS OF
TRANSFER AND OF EXPORT LICENSES,WHICH
DELAYS HAVE BEEN PROLONGED BY CHANGES IN THE ADMININIS-
TRATIVE PROCEDURES.THE COMMUNITY HAS HAD TO ACCUSTOM
ITSELF TO THESE DELAYS.

3. IN A SINGLE CASE, CONCERNING 17 KILOGRAMS OF HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM, THE NRDC SUBMITTED A PETITION TO THE NRC CONCERNING A HEARING IN WHICH THE QUESTION OF AN EXPORT LICENSE WAS TO BE DISCUSSED.

4. THERE IS NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE FACTS AND THE NON-ADOPTION BY THE MEMBER STATES OF THE REGULATION GOVERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT. THE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES WHICH ARE NECESSARY WILL BE TAKEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN THE MEMBER STATES. MEANWHILE, THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT HAS BEEN APPLIED IN PRACTICE. THE AMERICANS ARE INFORMED OF THIS AND HAVE SAID THEY AGREE WITH THE COMMUNITY PROCEDURE IN THIS MATTER. END QUOTE.
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